chatter
SACCHIN, COME TO THE BATHROOM WITH ME!
HEY, WHO LEFT THIS ON MY DESK?!
WHOEVER'S ON DUTY TODAY, HURRY UP AND ERASE THE BLACK-BOARD.
2-C
chatter
LET'S OPEN A WINDOW! IT'S SO HOT IN HERE
JUN-CHAN, IS THAT TAPE DUBBED
HEY, TAKATOU-KUN,
UMM, TAKATOU-KUN?

WHAT?
UMM...
I. PLEASE DON'T TAKE WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY WRONGLY...
I WAS JUST HOPING THAT YOU COULD BE A LITTLE NICER TO HAYASHINO-SAN...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I DON'T THINK HER INTEN-TIONS WERE BAD. I JUST THINK THAT... SHE REALLY LIKES—
HOW VERY BENEVOLENT OF YOU
WHAT?

"DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. BE NICE TO HER." I MEAN, THAT'S PRETTY DAMN BENEVOLENT OF YOU, ISN'T IT?
WHERE DO YOU GET OFF, TALKING LIKE THAT?
I...!
I WAS ONLY THINKING OF... THEM...
IT'S APPARENT THAT YOU'RE A DISCRIMINATING ADULT.
THAT'S SPLENDID OF YOU AND ALL...
FROM THE WAY YOU'RE TALKING,

"IT CAN'T BE HELPED. I AM OLDER THAN THEY ARE, AFTER ALL."
...BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS DOING THIS, OVEREXTENDING YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?

I DIDN'T MEAN FOR IT TO COME ACROSS LIKE THAT...
I...
DIDN'T ACTU-ALLY...
THEN WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU JUST DIDN'T MEDDLE?

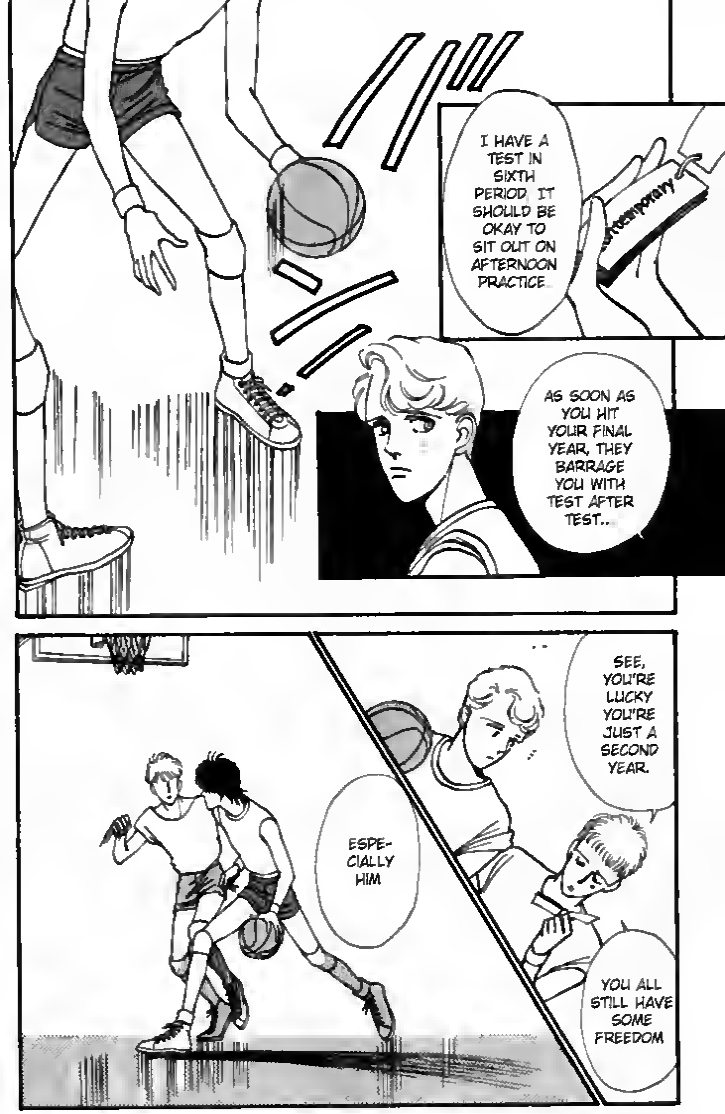
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT THAT I TALKED LIKE THAT TO HAYASHINO.
I JUST DIDN'T LIKE HER, IS ALL.
THE LAST THING I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ARE DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THOSE THINGS
DIREC-TIONS...
NO MORE

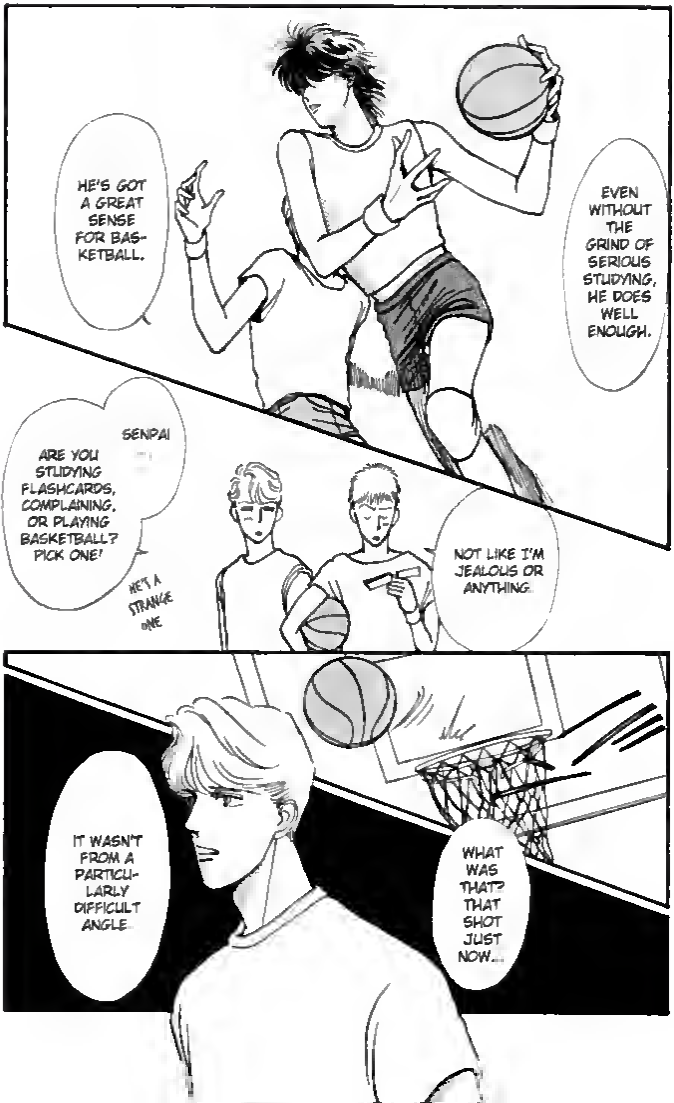
TO HEAR THESE COLD WORDS FROM YOUR MOUTH
...MEANT TO HAVE A SURLY ATTITUDE TOWARD YOU...
NEVER ...
I...
I DON'T WANT
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT SO CHILDISH THAT YOU NEED TO COODLE ME.
OH...

WAIT A MINUTE, TAKATOW-KUN!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, BUT IT SURELY WASN'T SO AWFUL THAT YOU NEEDED TO MAKE HER CRY?
KANAKO -SAN.
NOT REALLY. I WAS ONLY HONESTLY SAYING WHAT I THOUGHT.
KANAKO -SAN!

WAIT, KANAKO-SAN!
TAKATOU-KUN, HOW AWFUL!
HEY .
HEY, WHAT IN THE WORLD HAP-PENED WITH YOU TWO?
KANAKO -SAN ..
THE TEARS WON'T STOP
.....

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT THAT I TALKED LIKE THAT TO HAYASHINO
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.
I'M ACTING LIKE...
HOW BENEV-OLENT...
HE'S ACTUALLY MINE, OR SOME-THING...
THE LAST THING I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU IS DIRECTIONS...
HOW CONCEITED...
I CAN'T STOP CRYING.


I HAVE A TEST IN SIXTH PERIOD. IT SHOULD BE OKAY TO SIT OUT ON AFTERNOON PRACTICE...
AS SOON AS YOU HIT YOUR FINAL YEAR, THEY BARRAGE YOU WITH TEST AFTER TEST...
SEE, YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE JUST A SECOND YEAR.
ESPE-CIALLY HIM
YOU ALL STILL HAVE SOME FREEDOM


HE'S GOT A GREAT SENSE FOR BASKETBALL.
EVEN WITHOUT THE GRIND OF SERIOUS STUDYING, HE DOES WELL ENOUGH.
SENPAI
ARE YOU STUDYING FLASHCARDS, COMPLAINING, OR PLAYING BASKETBALL? PICK ONE!
HE'S A STRANGE ONE.
NOT LIKE I'M JEALOUS OR ANYTHING.
IT WASN'T FROM A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT ANGLE.
WHAT WAS THAT? THAT SHOT JUST NOW...

SORRY CAN I SIT THIS ONE OUT?
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL?!
I JUST CAN'T REALLY GET INTO IT TODAY...
YOUR PERIOD?
THAT'S RIGHT. JUST STARTED
.....
Can't get into it, my ass. Making me worry!

THAT'S RARE. EVEN THE CAPTAIN HAS HIS OFF DAYS, HUH?
HE'S HUMAN TOO, YOU KNOW.
YEAH, BUT I'D TAKE ONE OF CAPTAIN'S "OFF-DAYS" ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.
WELL, ALL WE CAN DO IS GRIN AND BEAR IT, OGI.
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, SENPAI
WHY DOES "SENPAI" SOUND LIKE AN INSULT WHEN YOU SAY IT THAT WAY?
TH-THAT HURT.
.....

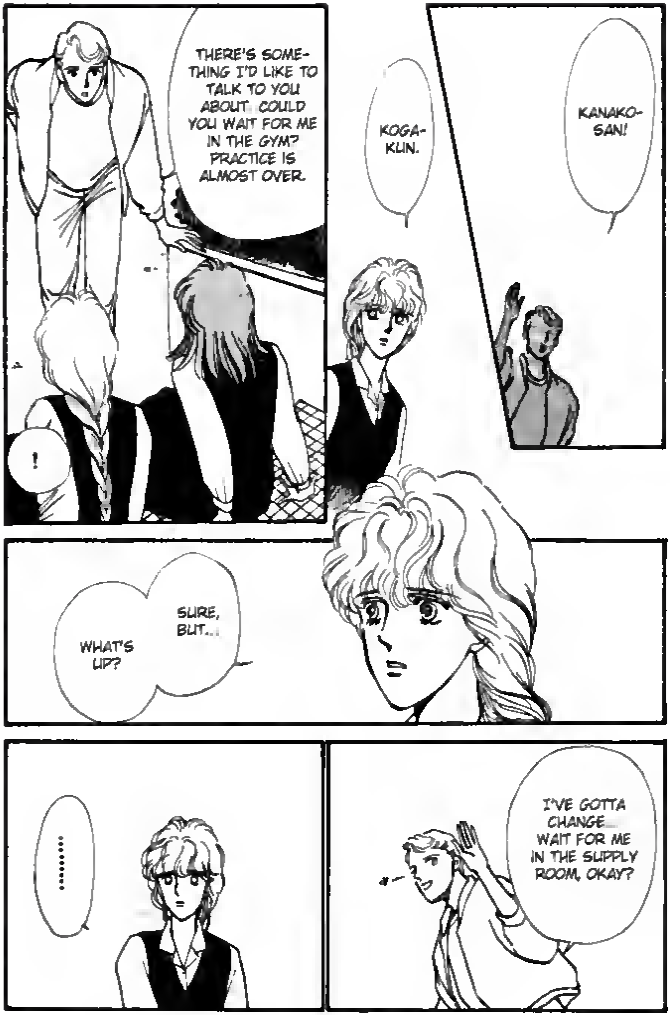
I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT TOO MUCH
OKAY, KANAKO-SAN?
JUST LIKE HOW YOU SEEM TO BE BOTHERED BY YOUR AGE...

HEY! YOU CAN JOIN US IF YOU WANT!
I'M JUST THINKING ALOUD HERE, BUT...
!
ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT TAKATOU-KUN IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT IT?

I THINK HE REALLY IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT HE'S YOUNGER THAN YOU ARE
OF COURSE, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY OF THIS FIRSTHAND, BUT...
HE PUTS ON A FRONT OF LAID-BACK INDIFFERENCE, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT HE'S RIDICULOUSLY PROUD.
HE IS A GUY, AFTER ALL.
I'M AFRAID HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN RIGHT ON THE MARK WITH THAT COMMENT ABOUT HOW BENEVOLENT YOU ARE.
HE'S USUALLY PRETTY HARSH, BUT SOMETIMES THE THINGS HE SAYS SURPRISE ME.

ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE NOW...
YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING THE ROLE OF DIPLOMAT AND CARETAKER TO OUR CLASS FOR A LONG TIME. BUT...
YOU REALLY ARE OVER EXERTING YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?
YOU SEEM TO PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS, KANAKO-SAN.
.....
IF YOU LOOK AT IT FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, HE REALLY CAN'T HELP BEING BOTHERED BY IT.

EHHH?
WOW, AKI.
YOU SURE SEEM TO PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO HIM.
NAH, I'M JUST AN OUTSIDER.
BECAUSE OF THAT, I CAN SEE THINGS MORE CLEARLY.
CHILL OUT, KANAKO-SAN!
!
HE'S YOUR POLAR OPPOSITE, KANAKO-SAN. HE JUST SAYS WHAT HE THINKS STRAIGHT OUT.


KANAKO-SAN!
KOGA-KUN.
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT. COULD YOU WAIT FOR ME IN THE GYM? PRACTICE IS ALMOST OVER.
!
SURE, BUT...
WHAT'S UP?
I'VE GOTTA CHANGE... WAIT FOR ME IN THE SUPPLY ROOM, OKAY?
.....

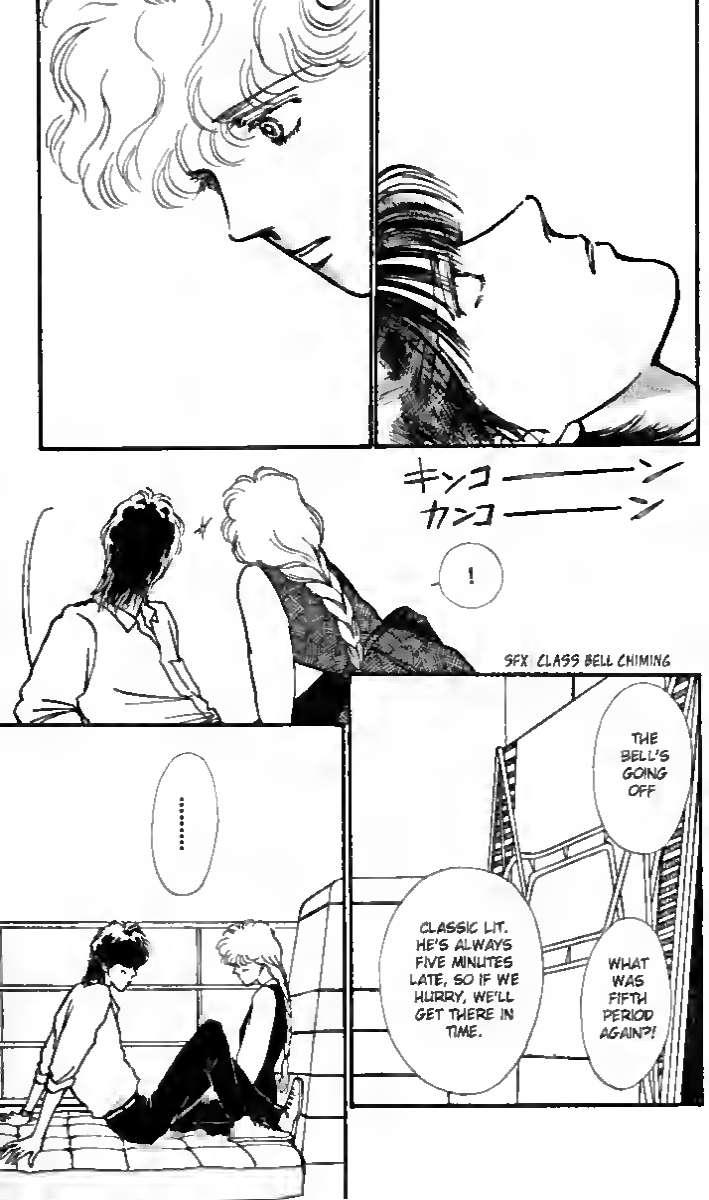
KOGA-KUN IS LATE
SURELY HE DIDN'T FORGET THAT HE CALLED ME OUT HERE..
LUNCH BREAK SHOULD BE OVER ABOUT NOW

HEY, KOGA!
THAT VOICE ...!
TAKATOU-KUN!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
KOGA CALLED ME HERE. HOW ABOUT YOU?
!

HE'S PRETTY PERCEPTIVE, THAT GUY.
I OWE KOGA-KUN FOR THIS.
ARE YOU SURE?!
WELL.
NOT REALLY.
UMM...
ARE YOU STILL MAD ABOUT BEFORE?

JEEZ, DIDN'T I TELL YOU I'M NOT ANGRY?!
I'M NOT MAD.
BUT YOUR TONE SOUNDS A LITTLE HARSH.
UH ANYWAY.
I DIDN'T DO THAT!
AFTER WE FOUGHT, YOU MADE ME SEEM LIKE THE BAD GUY.
YOU KNOW, THAT FACE YOU MAKE REALLY SCREAMS "VICTIM."
MIZUNO

!
SEE! THAT'S THE FACE I'M TALKING ABOUT.
YOU DID.
DID NOT!
AH!
STUMBLE!
WHACK!
GEEZ!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TEASE ME?
WAHH!
OWW...
SFX FALLING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SFX: CLASS BELL CHIMING
THE BELL'S GOING OFF
WHAT WAS FIFTH PERIOD AGAIN?!
CLASSIC LIT. HE'S ALWAYS FIVE MINUTES LATE, SO IF WE HURRY, WE'LL GET THERE IN TIME.
.....

TAKA-TOU.
SONODA.
HERE
SUDOU.
HERE
HERE
YUUKI
H-HERE!
ドン!
HASHI-MOTO
HERE
YUUKI
GEEZ, HE OWES ME LUNCH TOMORROW FOR THIS.

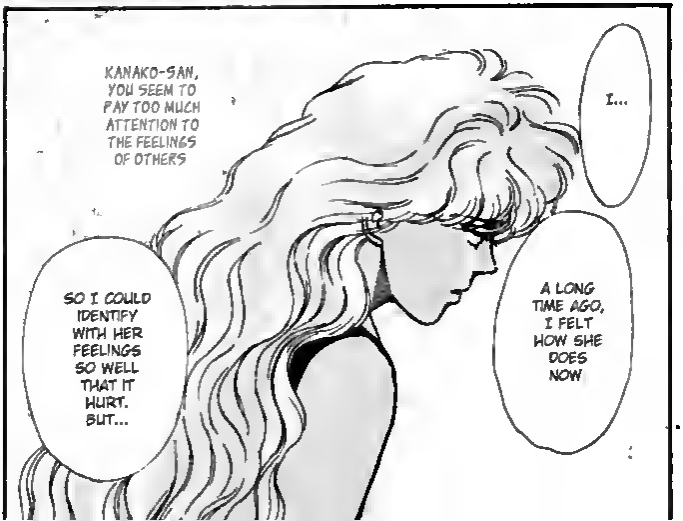
HAHA!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE SKIPPING CLASSIC LIT.
I WONDER IF HE'LL CALL ON US
OH!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THE CEILING OF THE GYMNASIUM.
クスッ
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH HOSPITAL CEILINGS TO LAST ME A LIFETIME, THOUGH.
IT BOTHERS YOU, DOESN'T IT. THE TWO YEAR GAP.

YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
THAT'S NOT TRUE ACTUALLY, I SHOULD BE A THIRD-YEAR.
WHAT?!
I WAS ORIGINALLY BORN AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, BUT MY DAD CHANGED MY BIRTHDAY TO APRIL 2ND.
SO WHEN THE NEIGHBOORHOOD KIDS MY AGE WENT OFF TO KINDERGARTEN, I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T GO.
UMM, MY BIRTHDAY IS ON MARCH 12.
IF I'D BEEN BORN ONE MONTH LATER AND YOU'D BEEN BORN A MONTH EARLIER, WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CLASSMATES!

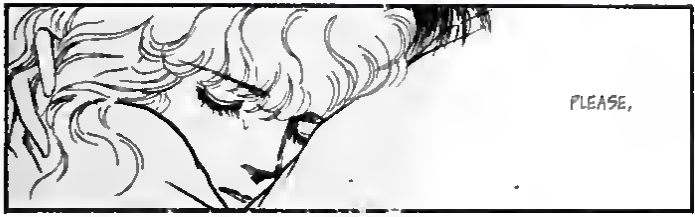
AREN'T WE CLASSMATES RIGHT NOW?
!
WHY ARE YOU LAUGH-ING?!
'CAUSE, YOU KNOW...
TUG
AH!
I... LIKE IT BETTER THIS WAY

AH!
OUCH...

S-SORRY! DID THAT HURT?
IT'S HAYA-SHINO'S CURSE...
TOU
ARE YOU STILL WORRIED?
ABOUT HER, I MEAN.


I...
A LONG TIME AGO, I FELT HOW SHE DOES NOW
KANAKO-SAN, YOU SEEM TO PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS
SO I COULD IDENTIFY WITH HER FEELINGS SO WELL THAT IT HURT. BUT...

BUT?
DON'T LOOK AT GIRLS OTHER THAN ME.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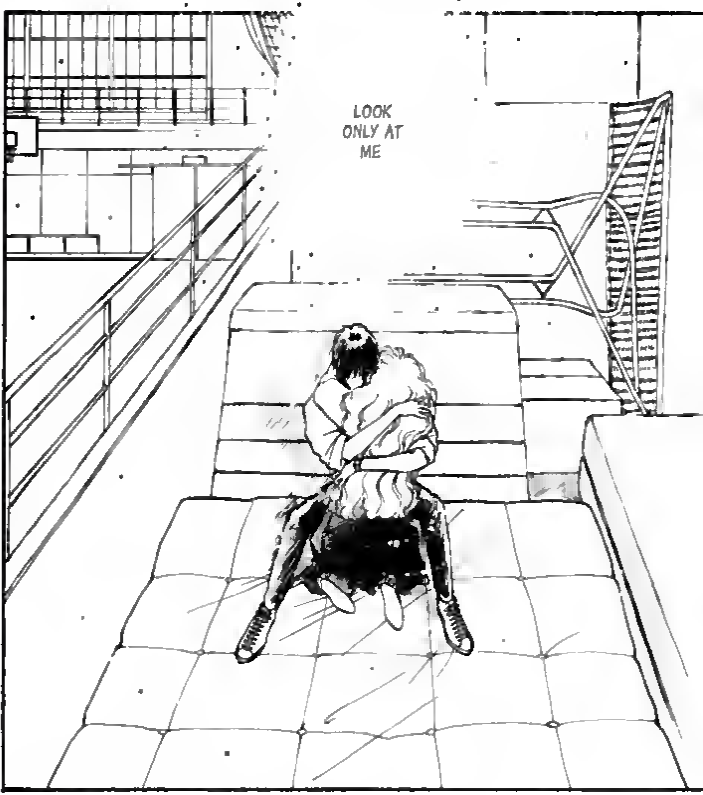
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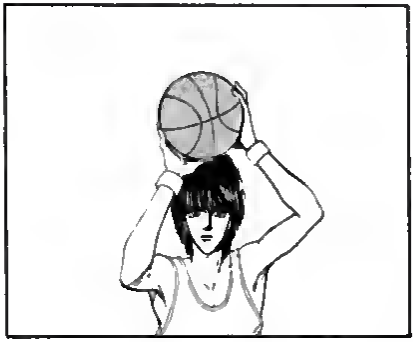

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